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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This amendment addresses the Office Action dated April 27, 2001 (Paper No. 7).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract on page 47 with the following paragraph:

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--A generic spatially-scalable shape encoding apparatus and method for handling different mask decomposition methods, while maximizing coding efficiency of the encoder. The present generic spatially-scalable shape encoding applies three encoding steps to maximize the coding efficiency of the encoder, i.e., mask mode encoding, base mask layer coding and enhancement mask layer coding.--